


# ANNUAL REPORTS



Freedom Village, January 6, 1912

**Town of Freedom**  
**New Hampshire**

**1953**



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## Town Officers FREEDOM New Hampshire

For the fiscal year ending  
December 31, 1953

VITAL STATISTICS FOR 1953

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**TOWN OFFICERS**

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**Moderator**

WM. ROBERT CANDY

**Clerk**

PAULINE W. GODFREY

**Selectmen**

G. EVERETT NICHOLS, JR.      DANIEL BROOKS  
EDWARD J. STOKES

**Treasurer**

ALBERT C. WHITAKER

**Tax Collector**

KENNETH ALEXANDER

**Road Agents**

CARROLL CHASE      RAYMOND DAVIS

**Trustees Trust Fund**

DANIEL BROOKS      FRANK WATSON  
GEORGE ALLARD

**Library Trustees**

HELEN GASKINS      MABEL DAVIS  
ELSIE WHITAKER

**Supervisors Checklists**

WILBUR HARMON      G. COLBY WEEKS  
CLEMENTINE HARMON

**Fire Warden**

EDWARD J. STOKES

**Auditor**

ALEXANDRE de ZALIWSKI

## TOWN WARRANT

### THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Freedom, N. H.  
in the County of Carroll in said State, qualified to vote  
in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at Town Hall in  
said Town on Tuesday, the 9th day of March, next at  
nine of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the  
following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the  
year ensuing.

2. To raise such sums of money as may be  
necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year  
and make appropriations of the same.

3. To see if the Town will vote to raise the sum  
of twenty-four hundred and twenty-five dollars to  
defray town charges, consisting of town officers'  
salaries, town officers' expenses, election and registra-  
tion, and town hall and Tractor Shed expenses and  
appropriate money for the same.

4. To see if the Town will vote to raise the sum  
of three hundred dollars for use of hydrants and  
appropriate money for the same.

5. To see if the Town will vote to raise the sum  
of seven hundred and ten dollars for street lights, and  
appropriate money for the same.

6. To see if the Town will vote to raise the sum  
of two hundred dollars for cutting bushes, and appro-  
priate money for the same.

7. To see if the Town will vote to raise the sum of two hundred and four dollars for Public Library, and appropriate money for the same.

8. To see if the Town will vote to raise the sum of six hundred dollars for sanding winter roads, and appropriate money for the same.

9. To see if the Town will vote to raise the sum of eighteen hundred dollars for breaking winter roads, and appropriate money for the same.

10. To see if the Town will vote to raise the sum of five hundred and thirty-nine dollars and ninety cents for class five roads, the state will contribute three thousand five hundred ninety-nine dollars and thirty-three cents under the proposed new law, and appropriate money for the same.

11. To see if the Town will vote to raise the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars for putting up snow fences, and one hundred dollars for new fences, and appropriate money for the same.

12. To see if the Town will vote to raise the sum of five hundred dollars for repairing the West Ossipee road, and appropriate money for the same.

13. To see if the Town will vote to raise the sum of eighty-three dollars for Lakes Region Assn., and appropriate money for the same.

14. To see if the Town will vote to raise the sum of two hundred dollars for town poor, and appropriate money for the same.

15. To see if the Town will vote to raise the sum



of twenty-three hundred dollars for Old Age Assistance, and appropriate money for the same.

16. To see if the Town will vote to raise the sum of one hundred twenty-five dollars to help defray the expenses of Old Home Week celebration for August 1954, and appropriate money for the same.

17. To see if the Town will vote to raise the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars for summer highways, and appropriate money for the same.

18. To see if the Town will vote to raise the sum of eight hundred dollars to paint and repair Huntress Bridge, and appropriate money for the same.

19. To see if the Town will vote to raise the sum of three hundred dollars for control of Pine Blister Rust, and appropriate money for the same.

20. To see if the Town will vote to raise the sum of two hundred dollars for new fire equipment, and appropriate money for the same.

21. To see if the Town will vote to raise the sum of three hundred and twenty-five dollars for fire department maintenance, and appropriate money for the same.

22. To see if the Town will vote to raise the sum of two hundred fifty dollars for maintaining the town dumps, and appropriate money for the same.

23. To see if the Town will vote to raise the Selectmen salary one hundred dollars each, Town Clerk, Treasurer and Tax Collector twenty-five dollars each, and pay Library and Trust Fund Trustees ten dollars

each, and appropriate money for the same.

24. To see if the Town wishes to donate to Wolfeboro Hospital and appropriate money for the same.

25. To see if the Town will vote to use the sum of fifteen hundred dollars of the yield tax surplus to continue the black top road from the Danforth Bridge via Berry Bay.

26. To see if the Town will vote to have one road agent instead of two, said road agent to be appointed by the Selectmen. This article to take effect on passage.

27. To see if the Town will vote to petition the State Tax Commission to have an audit made by the Division of Municipal Accounting, and to make an appropriation to cover the expenses of such audit.

28. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to hire money in anticipation of taxes.

29. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

NOTE: Since this copy of the Town Warrant is required by the Printer at an earlier date than the legal Town Warrant Posting date, it is not necessarily complete, and so therefore, the Posted Town Warrant may contain additional articles which are not included in this publication.

Given under our hands and seal, this first day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred



and fifty-four (Town Warrant Posting Date Feb.  
20th.)

G. EVERETT NICHOLS JR  
DANIEL A. BROOKS  
EDWARD J. STOKES  
Selectmen of Freedom

A true copy of Warrant — Attest:

G. EVERETT NICHOLS JR  
DANIEL A. BROOKS  
EDWARD J. STOKES  
Selectmen of Freedom

## BUDGET

Estimates of Revenue and Expenditures for the Ensuing Year January 1, 1954 to December 31, 1954. Compared with Estimated and Actual Revenue, Appropriations and Expenditures of the Previous Year January 1, 1953 to December 31, 1953.

SOURCES OF REVENUE	Estimated Revenue Previous Year 1953	Actual Revenue Previous Year 1953	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Year 1954
From State:			
Interest and Dividends			
Tax	\$4050 00	\$2787 21	\$2500 00
Savings Bank Tax	18 00	23 05	20 00
Reimbursement a/c Ex- emption of Growing Wood and Timber	1400 00	2008 00	1400 00
For Fighting Forest Fires		2421 18	
From Local Sources			
Except Taxes:			
Dog Licenses	150 00	135 00	135 00
Rent of Town Hall and Other Buildings	35 00	163 00	40 00
Interest Received on			
Taxes and Deposits		7 83	
Income of Departments:			
Fire		45 90	
Highway, including rental of equipment		1024 00	
Minnie Towle Fire (Diamond Match)		241 48	
Motor Vehicle Permit			
Fees	1500 00	1905 46	1600 00
Sale of Town Property	300 00	225 00	
Flood Money From State (T. R. A.)		4046 14	

Maintenance T. R. A.			
(Duncan Law)		170 58	170 58
Cash Surplus	1200 00	2002 51	1500 00
From Local Taxes Other			
Than Property Taxes:			
Poll Taxes — Regular			
@ \$2	340 00	346 00	340 00
Total Revenues From	<hr/>		
All Sources Except			
Property Taxes	\$ 8993 00	\$17552 34	\$ 7705 58
Amt. to be Raised by			
Property Taxes	27357 36	28982 91	28056 74
Total Revenues			<hr/> \$35762 32

PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES	Appropriations Previous Year 1953	Actual Expenditures Previous Year 1953	Estimated Expenditures Ensuing Year 1954
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## Current Maintenance

## Expenses:

## General Government:

Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 775 00	\$ 775 00	\$1210 00
Town Officers' Expenses	900 00	918 53	900 00
Election and Registration			
Expenses	125 00	220 40	300 00
Expenses Town Hall and			
Other Town Bldgs.	450 00	448 59	450 00

## Protection of Persons

## and Property:

Fire Department	275 00	312 67	325 00
Moth Exterm. — Blister			
Rust & Care of Trees	400 00	398 25	300 00
Fire Fighting		2510 54	

## Health:

## Town Dump and Garbage

Removal	250 00	226 50	250 00
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## Highways and Bridges:

## Town Maintenance —

Summer	4200 00	4234 40	3450 00
Winter	3400 00	2669 09	2500 00
Street Lighting	722 00	707 37	710 00
Town Road Aid	531 56	527 77	539 90
Libraries	152 80	204 00	204 00

## Public Welfare:

Town Poor	350 00	60 58	200 00
Old Age Assistance	2300 00	2220 23	2300 00

## Recreation:

## Parks and Playground,

Incl. Band Concerts	125 00	125 00	125 00
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## Public Service Enterprises:

## Municipally Owned Water

and Electric Utilities	300 00	300 00	300 00
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## Unclassified:

## Advertising and Regional

Associations	73 00	73 00	83 00
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## Interest:

On Temporary Loans		65 29	
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## Outlay for New Construction and Perm. Improv.

Town Hall	225 00	247 96	
Running Town Lines	150 00	125 00	
New Equipment, Fire and Highway	200 00	1142 54	200 00

## Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:

County Taxes	3667 08	3667 08	4000 00
School Taxes	15339 31	15167 19	17415 42

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Total Expenditures	\$34910 75	\$37346 98	\$35762 32
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## SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION

	No.	Valuation
Lands and Buildings (Exclusive of Growing Wood and Timber)		\$753,301 00
Electric Plants		42,630 00
Horses, Asses and Mules	37	2,165 00
Oxen	3	900 00
Cows	101	21,500 00
Other Neat Stock	22	3,850 00
Sheep and Goats	7	140 00
Fowls	165	165 00
Fur-bearing Animals	7	119 00
Boats and Launches	43	4,475 00
Portable Mills	3	1,800 00
Wood, Lumber, etc.		11,502 00
Gasoline Pumps and Tanks	9	1,210 00
Stock in Trade		5,300 00
Mills and Machinery		500 00
Total Gross Valuation Before		<hr/>
Exemptions Allowed		\$849,557 00
Less: Soldiers' Exemptions and		
Exemptions to Blind		23,224 00
Net Valuation on Which Tax Rate		<hr/>
is Computed		\$826,333 00
Electric and Gas Utility Companies		
Public Service Co. of N. H.		\$39,525 00
N. H. Electric Corp. Inc.		\$3,105 00
Amount of Property valuation		
exempted to veterans		\$23,224 00
Number of inventories distributed		450
Number of inventories returned		276
Number of veterans who received		
property exemption		25
Number of veterans exempted from		
poll tax		33

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief.

G. EVERETT NICHOLS JR.

DANIEL A. BROOKS

EDWARD J. STOKES

Selectmen of Freedom

July 27, 1953



# STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND TAXES

## ASSESSED FOR THE TAX YEAR 1953

### Appropriations

Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 775 00	
Town Officers' Expenses	650 00	
Election and Registration Expenses	125 00	
Town Hall and Buildings		
Maintenance	600 00	
Fire Dept. \$275.00	275 00	
Blister Rust — Moth Extermination	400 00	
Dump and Garbage Collection	250 00	
Town Road Aid	531 56	
Town Maintenance (Summer		
\$3200) (Winter \$3400)	6600 00	
New Construction (Bridges \$1000)	1000 00	
Perambulation of town lines	150 00	
Painting interior 2nd floor town		
hall	225 00	
Street Lighting	722 00	
New Equipment, Fire	200 00	
Libraries	152 80	
Old Age Assistance	2300 00	
Public Relief (Town Poor \$350.)	350 00	
Memorial Day, Vet. Assoc., Old		
Home Day	125 00	
Water and Electric Utilities	300 00	
Advertising and Regional		
Associations	73 00	
County Tax	3667 08	
School Tax	15772 71	
Total Town and School		
Appropriations		\$35244 15
Less: Estimated Revenues and		
Credits:		
Interest and Dividends Tax	\$2787 21	

Savings Bank Tax	19 75	
Reimbursement a/c Exemption of		
Growing Wood and Timber	1419 18	
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	1500 00	
Dog Licenses	150 00	
Rent of Town Property and		
Equipment	35 00	
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Total Revenues and Credits		\$5911 14
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		\$29333 01
Plus Overlay		329 90
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Net Amount to be raised by Taxation		\$29662 91
Less: 340 Poll Taxes at \$2.00	\$680 00	680 00
Amount to be raised by property taxes		<hr/>
on which tax rate is to be figured		\$28982 91
Taxes to be Committed to Collector:		
Property Taxes	\$28982 91	
Poll Taxes at \$2.00	680 00	
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Total Taxes to be Committed		\$29662 91
Town Tax Rate, Approved by Tax Comm.		\$3 50

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### CERTIFICATE

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G. EVERETT NICHOLS JR.  
DANIEL A. BROOKS  
EDWARD J. STOKES  
Selectmen of Freedom

July 27, 1953

## COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

	Raised	Expended	Over	Under
Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 775 00	\$ 775 00		
Town Officers' Expenses	900 00	918 53	\$18 53	
Election and Registration	125 00	220 40	95 40	
Expense Town Hall and Other Town Bldgs.	450 00	448 59		\$ 1 41
Running Town Lines	150 00	125 00		25 00
Moth Extermination and Blister Rust	400 00	398 25		1 75
Town Dumps	250 00	226 50		23 50
Town Highways, Summer	4200 00	4234 40	34 40	
Town Highways, Winter	3400 00	2669 09		730 91
Street Lights	722 00	707 37		14 63
Libraries	152 80	204 00	51 20	
Old Age Assistance	2300 00	2220 23		79 77
Town Poor	350 00	60 58		289 42
Fire Dept. Maintenance	275 00	312 67	37 67	
Fire Equipment	200 00	112 54	Now Due	87 46
Old Home Week	125 00	125 00		
Lakes Region	73 00	73 00		
Painting Town Hall	225 00	247 96	22 96	
Town Road Aid	531 56	527 77		3 79
Hydrants	300 00	300 00		
County Tax	3667 08	3667 08		
School Tax	15339 31	8000 00	Now Due	7339 31
	\$34910 75	\$26573 96	\$260 16	\$8596 95

## FINANCIAL REPORT

For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1953

### ASSETS

Cash in hands of treasurer	\$11639 44
Accounts Due to the Town, Bounties	56 50
Unredeemed Taxes: (from tax sale	
on account of) Levy of 1953	72 82
Levy of 1952	63 56
Uncollected Taxes: State Head	
Taxes — Levy of 1953	30 00
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Total Assets, Grand Total	\$11862 32
Net Surplus, December 31, 1952	818 49
Net Surplus, December 31, 1953	2002 51
Increase of Surplus	1184 02

### LIABILITIES

Accounts Owed by the Town:	
Bills outstanding, Fire Dept.	\$ 87 46
Reserve a/c Future Yield Tax Loss	2403 04
Due to State: State Head Taxes —	
1953 (Uncollected \$30.00)	30 00
Due to School District: Balance of	
Appropriation	7339 31
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Total Liabilities	\$9859 81
Excess of assets over liabilities (Surplus)	2002 51
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Grand Total	\$11862 32

## RECEIPTS

## Current Revenue:

From Local Taxes: (Collected and  
remitted to Treasurer)

Property Taxes — Current Year

— 1953 \$28628 98

Poll Taxes — Current Year —

Regular @ \$2 — 1953 346 00

Yield Taxes — 1953 2008 00

State Head Taxes @ \$5 — 1953 1124 00

Total Current Year's Taxes —————

collected and remitted \$32106 98

Property Taxes and Yield Taxes —

Previous Years 219 31

Poll Taxes — Previous Years —

Regular @ \$2 2 00

State Head Taxes @ \$5 — Previous

Years 26 00

Interest received on Taxes 7 83

Penalties on State Head Taxes 5 50

Tax sales redeemed 443 57

## From State:

For Town Road Aid 4046 14

For Class V Highway maintenance

Duncan Law 170 58

Interest and dividend tax 2787 21

Savings Bank Tax and Building

and Loan Association Tax 23 05

Fighting forest fires 2672 66

Bounties 11 25

Reimbursement a/c Head Tax 9 24

## From Local Sources, Except Taxes:

Dog licenses 135 00

Returned Check 68 25

Rent of town property 163 00

Income from Fire Dept. 45 90

Income from Highway	1024 00
Registration of motor vehicles, 1953 Permits	1905 46
Receipts Other than Current Revenue:	
Temporary loans in anticipation of taxes during year	\$5000 00
Sale of town property	225 00
Total Receipts Other than Current Revenue	<hr/> 5225 00
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	\$51097 93
Less Bad Checks	147 00
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Total Receipts from All Sources	\$50950 93
Cash on hand January 1, 1953	10454 28
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Grand Total	\$61405 21

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## PAYMENTS

Current Maintenance Expenses:	
General Government:	
Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 775 00
Town Officers' Expenses	918 53
Election and Registration Expenses	220 40
Expenses Town Hall and Other Town Buildings	696 55
Protection of Persons and Property:	
Fire Department, including Forest Fires	2823 21
Moth Extermination — Blister Rust and Care of Trees	398 25
Bounties	56 50



## Health:

Running Town Lines	125 00
Town Dumps and Garbage Removal	226 50

## Highways and Bridges:

Town Road Aid	527 77
Town Maintenance (Summer — \$4234.40) (Winter — \$2669.09)	6903 49
Street Lighting	707 37
General Expenses of Highway Department	1180 13

## Libraries: 204 00

## Public Welfare:

Old Age Assistance	2220 23
Town Poor	60 58

## Recreation:

Old Home Week	125 00
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 \$18168 51

## Unclassified:

Advertising and Regional Associations	\$ 73 00
Taxes Bought by Town	297 08
Collecting Head Tax	32 10

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 402 18

Interest: Paid on long term notes \$65 29 65 29

Outlay for New Construction,  
Equipment and Permanent  
Improvements:

T. R. A. Flood	\$3754 11
New Equipment (Highway — \$1030.00) (Other — \$112.54)	1142 54

## Total Outlay Payments

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 4896 65

Indebtedness: Payments on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes	\$5000 00	5000 00
Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:		
State Head Taxes paid State Treas. (1953 Taxes \$1015.83) (Prior Yrs. \$1082.58)	\$ 2098 41	
Taxes paid to County	3667 08	
Payments to Precincts	300 00	
Payments to School Districts 1952 Tax \$7167.19) (1953 Tax \$8000.00)	15167 19	
Total Payments to Other Gov- ernmental Divisions		21232 68
Bank Service Charge		46
Total Payments for all Purposes		\$49765 77
Cash on hand December 31, 1953		11639 44
Grand Total		\$61405 21

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Jan. 25, 1954

G. EVERETT NICHOLS JR.  
DANIEL A. BROOKS  
EDWARD J. STOKES  
Selectmen  
ALBERT C. WHITAKER  
Treasurer

## SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town Hall, Lands and Buildings	\$5000 00
Furniture and Equipment	200 00
Fire Department, Equipment	2000 00
Highway Department, Lands and Buildings	300 00
Equipment	2000 00
Parks, Commons and Playgrounds	200 00
Schools, Lands and Buildings	5000 00
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Total	\$14700 00

**TOWN CLERK'S REPORT**

For year ending December 31, 1953

Automobile Permits	\$1905 46
Dog Licenses	135 00

PAULINE W. GODFREY  
Town Clerk

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**TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT**

SUMMARY OF WARRANT  
PROPERTY, POLL AND YIELD TAXES  
LEVY OF 1953

DR.

## Taxes Committed to Collector:

Property Taxes	\$28921 79
Poll Taxes	368 00
National Bank Stock Taxes	0 00
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Total Warrant	\$29289 79
Yield Taxes	2131 20
Added Taxes:	
Property Taxes	10 50
Poll Taxes	6 00
Interest Collected	4 35
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Total Debits	\$31441 84

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## Remittances to Treasurer:

Property Taxes	\$28783 54
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Poll Taxes	342 00	
National Bank Stock Taxes	0 00	
Yield Taxes	2008 00	
Interest Collected	4 35	
Discount Allowed	0 00	
Abatements	117 00	
Uncollected Taxes as per		
Collector's List:		
Property Taxes	57 75	
Poll Taxes	6 00	
Yield Taxes	123 20	
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Total Credits		\$31441 84

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SUMMARY OF WARRANT  
PROPERTY, POLL AND YIELD TAXES

LEVY OF 1952

DR.

Uncollected Taxes as of January 1,  
1953:

Property Taxes	0 00
Poll Taxes	0 00
Yield Taxes	0 00

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0 00

Interest collected during fiscal  
year ended December 31, 1953

0 00

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Total Debits 0 00

CR.

Remittances to Treasurer During  
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1953:

Property Taxes	0 00	
Poll Taxes	0 00	
Interest Collected During Year	0 00	
Yield Taxes	0 00	
Abatements made During Year	0 00	
Uncollected Taxes as per Collector's List:		
Poll Taxes	0 00	
Other Taxes	0 00	
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Total Credits		0 00

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SUMMARY OF WARRANT  
STATE HEAD TAX  
LEVY OF 1953

DR.

State Head Taxes Committed to Collector:		
Original Warrant	\$1175 00	
Added Taxes	15 00	
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Total Commitment		\$1190 00
Penalties Collected		4 00
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Total Debits		\$1194 00

CR.

Remittances to Treasurer:		
Head Taxes	\$1110 00	
Penalties	4 00	
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		\$1114 00



Abatements	50 00
Uncollected Head Taxes as per Collector's List	30 00
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Total Credits	\$1194 00

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(For Previous Year's Levy)  
SUMMARY OF WARRANT  
STATE HEAD TAX  
LEVY OF 1952

## DR.

Uncollected Head Taxes — As of	
January 1, 1953	\$15 00
Added Taxes during 1953	15 00
Penalties collected during 1953	1 50
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Total Debits	\$31 50

## CR.

Remittances to Treasurer during 1953:	
Head Taxes	\$30 00
Penalties	1 50
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	\$31 50
Abatements during 1953	0 00
Uncollected Head Taxes as per Collector's List	0 00
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Total Credits	\$31 50

SUMMARY OF TAX SALES ACCOUNTS —  
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1953

DR.

	1953	Previous 1952 Years	
(a) Taxes sold to Town during Current Fiscal Year	\$297 08		
(b) Balance of Unredeemed Taxes Jan. 1, 1953		\$289 51	0 00
Interest collected After Sale	0 00	2 52	0 00
Redemption Costs	0 00	0 00	0 00
Total Debits	\$297 08	\$292 03	\$8 66

CR.

Remittances to Treasurer			
During Year	\$224 26	\$219 31	0 00
*Abatements During Year	0 00	9 16	\$8 66
Deeded to Town During Year	0 00	0 00	0 00
Unredeemed Taxes at Close of Year	72 82	63 56	0 00
Total Credits	\$297 08	\$292 03	\$8 66

\*Lewis M. Whitten lot — Berry Bay, No such property.

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UNREDEEMED TAXES FROM TAX SALES  
ON ACCOUNT OF LEVIES OF:

	1953	Previous 1952 Years
	\$72 82	\$63 56 None

## ABATEMENTS 1953

## REAL ESTATE

John Brown, Overcharged on mills	\$10 50
Paul Dantos, Overcharged on number of cows	66 50
Ello E. Richardson, Charged twice	14 00
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	\$91 00

## POLL TAX

William Adams, Veteran WW2	\$2 00
George Cash, Deceased	2 00
Caroline F. Clancy, Resident of Portland, Me.	2 00
Elmer Douglas, Jr., Veteran WW2	2 00
Myles Friedman, Veteran WW2	2 00
Mildred D. Holland, Widow of Veteran	2 00
Ernest Leavitt, Over 70	2 00
Gardner Nason Jr., Veteran WW2	2 00
Hazel Stressinger, Non Resident	2 00
Carl F. Thibodeau, Out of State	2 00
Mrs. Carl F. Thibodeau, Out of State	2 00
Ruth Thomas, Resident of N. Y.	2 00
Marshall Vittum, Over 70	2 00
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	\$26 00

## HEAD TAX

Reginald A. Clancy, Resident of Portland, Me.	\$5 00
Caroline F. Clancy, Resident of Portland, Me.	5 00
Hardship (name on request)	5 00
Ernest Leavitt, Over 70	5 00
Ernest Libby, Paid in Newmarket, N. H.	5 00
Marion Libby, Paid in Newmarket, N. H.	5 00
Mary Stilson, Over 70	5 00
Ruth A. Thomas, Resident of N. Y.	5 00

Carl F. Thibodeau, Out of State	5 00
Mrs. Carl F. Thibodeau, Out of State	5 00
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	\$50 00

## YIELD TAX

None	\$0 00
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My appreciation is extended to the Taxpayers and to the cooperation of the Town Officers in making my duties pleasanter and easier.

I hereby certify that the above report as of December 31, 1953 on account of the levy of 1953 is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

KENNETH M. ALEXANDER  
Collector

## TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT

From Jan. 1, 1953 to Dec. 31, inclusive 1953

Dr.

## RECEIPTS

Bank Balance Jan. 1, 1953	\$10454 28
From State	
Bounties	11 25
Forest Fires	63 77
Warden Training	11 35
From Selectmen	
Community Club, Hall Rent	28 50
Community Club, Card Parties	18 00
Dan Cooper, Use of Fire Pump	20 00
Sale of Old Tractor	77 00
Effingham, Use of Fire Pump	8 40
Use of Grader on Town Roads	1024 00
Use of Fire Pump	17 50
Flood (State) T. R. A.	1767 24
Maintenance T. R. A., Duncan	
Law	170 58
Sale Town Property	150 00
Interest and Dividend Tax	2787 21
Moultonboro Fire Reimburse-	
ment	2127 41
Moultonboro Fire Reimburse-	
ment	131 03
T. R. A. (Flood)	1821 50
T. R. A. (Flood)	457 40
Tuftonboro Fire Reimbursement	97 62
Savings Bank Tax	23 05
Head Tax Reimbursement	9 24
Hall Rent, Ven Smith	82 50

## Town Clerk

Dog Tax	135 00
Auto Permits, less fees	1905 46

## Tax Collector

1953 Property Tax	28848 29
1953 Poll Tax	346 00
1953 Head Tax	1124 00
1952 Head Tax and Penalties	31 50
1952 Poll Tax	2 00
Tax Redemptions	443 57
Interest	4 35
Yield Tax	2008 00
Returned Check	68 25

## Misc.

Diamond Match, Fire Reimburse- ment	241 48
Chester Jones, Hall Rent	10 00
Gerald Allard, Hall Rent	2 00
Carroll County Trust Co., Loans	5000 00
Freedom Club of Boston, Clean Hall	2 00
Carroll County Trust Co., Interest Refund	3 48
Freedom Grange, Hall Rent	20 00

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 \$61552 21

## Less Bad Checks

147 00

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 \$61405 21

## Cr.

## Bank Balance as per Statement,

Dec. 31, 1953	\$12030 88
Deposit	965 59
Selectmen's Orders Paid	49765 31
Bank Service Charge	46

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 \$62762 24



Less Outstanding Checks	1357 03
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	\$61405 21
Adjusted Bank Balance, Dec. 31, 1953	\$11639 44

All records in my report include those of Linnie Giles who was kind enough to serve as Town Treasurer while I was on vacation.

Respectfully Submitted,  
ALBERT C. WHITAKER  
Town Treasurer

## REPORT OF SELECTMEN

We have Kenneth Alexander to thank for the picture on the front of this report. It was taken Jan. 6, 1912. It is interesting to note the many open spaces around the village in those days, and also the lack of snow.

In this article we would like to tell you a few things that have happened in the past and also things to come.

### **Warrant: —**

First relating to Article 25 in this year's warrant which deals with the Yield Tax on wood and timber.

A few years ago the State Legislature passed this bill and all towns in the State had to revalue their wood and timber lands, placing a tax on land only. The wood or timber would be taxed to the person who owned it at the time of cutting.

Each town reported to the State Tax Commission how much they would lose that year due to this bill, if said town did not have any wood or timber cut.

From these figures the Commission each year sends a report to your Selectmen on how much the town would lose. This is based on the current tax rate of each town.

In this bill a fund was set up to pay back to town any money they lost, because of no wood or timber cut.

If a town has more wood or timber cut than the State figures they would carry the extra tax money in our treasury (and used if the town sees fit), until such time as the town does not equal its loss in tax. Then the town pays to the state as long as this surplus lasts

after this is gone the state will pay the town each year for a loss.

Freedom at present has \$2403.04 surplus with a good chance of increasing this in 1954. Article 25 wants to take \$1500.00 from this surplus and use on the West Ossipee road. There is one thing to consider, any money taken from this surplus may have to be raided in future years but our road will be built and we feel it would be a good investment.

Article 26 should be given much thought. One of our neighboring towns, much larger than we are, put this in effect last year, and it has worked out very well.

Due to the very short supply of men and equipment to work on our roads, it is getting more difficult each year to have a good job done.

Our dirt roads are getting worse each year due to lack of money and our present road system.

The money we now spend could be made to go further and show improvement at the same time.

Maybe this is not the answer to this problem but something will have to be done in the near future to even hold these roads in their present condition.

#### **Grader: —**

Last spring we were faced with the problem of doing something about a small road machine. The one we had was beyond repair for practical purposes.

The machine we decided on is motorized and this gives us a chance to get an income from it. This machine cost \$1000.00 second hand. When our books closed in December it had earned \$1024.00 from the

State T. R. A. and we had it to use on the roads all summer.

**Falls Bridge: —**

It was hoped by this time a new bridge would be in the making, but Effingham ran into trouble which was no fault of their own. Soon after the first of July 1954, they will be in a position to go ahead if they so vote it at their Town Meeting.

**About Assessing: —**

In the near future you will receive your Inventory of Property blank, which should be filled out and returned to your Board of Selectmen on or before April 15. Please do not write on them, the same as last year, describe what you own giving the number of acres to each tract of land.

**Maps: —**

Last April your Selectmen started to make new maps of all the shore property in town. This, at the present time, is not completed but should be in the near future.

A large amount of tax was collected due to this. Lands and buildings that have not been taxed in the past were picked up. In some cases people were paying taxes on property they did not own.

**Thanks: —**

We would like to thank Sylvia Stokes for the large share of typing she did in making up this town report.

## TOWN OFFICERS' SALARIES

Robert Candy, Auditor	\$ 25 00	
G. E. Nichols Jr., Selectman	125 00	
Daniel Brooks, Selectman	125 00	
Edward J. Stokes, Selectman	125 00	
Kenneth Alexander, Tax Collector	150 00	
Pauline Godfrey, Town Clerk	100 00	
Albert Whitaker, Town Treasurer	125 00	
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Total		\$775 00

## TOWN OFFICERS EXPENSE

Association of N. H. Assessors	\$ 3 00	
Kenneth Alexander, Postage	36 60	
Brown & Saltmarsh Inc., Collectors		
Supplies	21 24	
Pauline Godfrey, Overpayment		
Auto Permits	8 16	
Linnie Giles, Treas., Postage	1 82	
G. E. Nichols, Jr., Tramp to		
Ossipee—Tel.	7 98	
Carroll County Independent, Town		
Reports & Ballots	195 00	
Wheeler & Clark Co., Supplies	3 25	
Wentworth Ins. Agency, Town		
Officers Bonds	56 00	
Daniel Brooks, Trip to Concord	9 50	
Pauline Godfrey, Trip to Concord	9 50	
G. E. Nichols Jr., Trip to Concord		
and Car	24 50	
G. E. Nichols Jr., Envelopes for		
Inventory Blanks	6 67	
Edward J. Stokes, Supplies	2 68	

Linnie W. Giles, 3 trips to Conway	
Bank	9 00
Gunnar D. Isacson, Supplies	2 75
Lee T. Gray, Registry of Deeds 81	
Transfers	16 26
Daniel Brooks, Tax Meeting & Car	5 60
Kenneth Alexander, Tax Meeting	4 00
G. E. Nichols Jr., Tax Meeting	4 00
Edson C. Eastman Co., Supplies	60 16
Wentworth Ins. Agency, Insuring	
Road Equip.	45 00
Walter G. White, 5 Deceased Persons	50
Moultons Store, Dynamite	19 50
Laconia Hardware Co., Flags	16 29
Edward Stokes, Tel.—Trip to Laconia	
Highway Dept.	8 00
Daniel Brooks, Trip to Laconia	
Highway Dept.	5 00
G. E. Nichols Jr., Trip to Laconia	
Highway Dept. with Car	14 40
Edward Stokes, Telephone	2 94
Ida M. Hainer, Tax Collectors Assoc.,	
Dues	3 00
Sargent Brothers, Collectors Supplies	26 72
G. E. Nichols Jr., Trip to Tax	
Commission	24 50
D. L. Garrison, Town Clerks	
Supplies	7 00
Charles R. Hardy Treas., Town Clerks	
Assn. Dues	2 00
G. E. Nichols Jr., Postage—Timber	
Tax	1 21
Kenneth Alexander, Telephone	6 50
Frank Davis, Care of 2 Town	
Cemetery Lots	6 00
James J. Kalled, Town Counsel 1953	150 00

Pauline Godfrey, 46 Dog Licenses	
& Vital Statistics	13 70
Kenneth Aexander, Milage	9 60
A. C. Whitaker, Milage to Bank	
Postage & Stationary	69 00
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	\$918 53

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### ELECTION & REGISTRATION TOWN MEETING

Fred Schawo, Ballot Clerk	\$12 15
Lawrence Gaskins, Ballot Clerk	12 15
Bernadine Nason, Ballot Clerk	12 15
Melvin Watson, Ballot Clerk	12 15
Frank Davis, Gate Keeper	9 90
Lyle Giles, Gate Keeper	9 90
Clementine Harmon, Supervisor	16 00
Wilbur Harmon, Supervisor	16 00
G. Colby Weeks, Supervisor	16 00
Robert Candy, Town Moderator	13 50
Arthur Bennett, School Moderator	13 50
State of N. H., Photostat Copy of	
B. 68	1 00
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	\$144 40

### SPECIAL MEETING

G. E. Nichols, Jr., Expenses Special	
Meeting	\$ 9 00
Wilbur Harmon, Supervisor	5 00
Clementine Harmon, Supervisor	5 00
G. Colby Weeks, Supervisor	5 00
Lawrence Gaskins, Ballot Clerk	5 00
Melvin Watson, Ballot Clerk	5 00

Wesley Milliken, Ballot Clerk	5 00	
Lyle Giles, Gate Keeper	5 00	
Frank Davis, Gate Keeper	5 00	
Robert Candy, Moderator	5 50	
Carroll County Independent, Ballots		
& Adv.	16 50	
Fred Schawo, Ballot Clerk	5 00	
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		76 00
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		\$220 40

#### TOWN HALL & OTHER BUILDINGS

Public Service Co., Lights	\$131 52
Peter Nichols, Putting in Wood	3 75
Wendell Brooks, Putting in Wood	75
Walter M. Davis & Sons, Wood for	
Town Hall	18 00
Wendell Brooks, Labor Town Hall	
Grounds	2 25
Peter Nichols, Labor Town Hall	
Grounds	6 25
A. C. Whitaker, Supplies	49 51
Daniel Brooks, Repairs Town Hall	52 50
Blanche Watson, Cleaning Town Hall	3 00
Virginia Meserve, Cleaning Town	
Hall	3 00
Norton Hardware Co., Gas Town	
Hall	12 50
Anne Richardson, Cleaning Town	
Hall	14 00
Freedom Precinct Water Town	
Hall	10 00
Raymond Fall, Painting Band Stand	15 00



Frank Davis, Cleaning Town Hall	2 00
Wentworth Ins. Agency, Insurance	
Town Hall	55 80
Wilber Harmon, Wood Town Hall	47 00
Daniel Brooks, Janitor for Dances	16 40
Eugene Doe, Cleaning Town Hall	4 00
H. F. Nelson & Sons, Supplies	1 36

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\$448 59

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### PAINTING TOWN HALL

Moulton's Store, Paint	\$ 97 21
G. A. Keniston, Labor	150 75

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\$247 96

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### FIRE

Edward Stokes, Fire Training School	\$ 7 50
Frank Meserve, Fire Training School	8 10
Robert Stuart, Fire Training School	8 10
Edward Stokes, Payroll Fire near	
Ossipee River	49 55
Edward Stokes, Payroll Haverhill	
Street Fire	85 40

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\$158 65

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### MOULTONBORO FIRE

Max Rothman	\$ 11 05
Jay Lehr	11 05

David Sergio	11 05
Berman Lord	11 05
Berry Mackta	11 05
Mike Cahn	11 05
Steven Friedlander	7 22
Steven Seller	7 22
Niel Janovie	7 22
Dick Grand	7 22
David Foensica	10 62
Bill Vogel	10 62
Edward Stokes	312 75
Frank Meserve Sr.	224 30
Gordon Meserve	145 50
Paul Meserve	145 50
Charles Cash	145 50
Gerald Allard	92 40
Raymond Davis	130 00
Herbert Abbott	162 30
Freeman Abbott	170 70
Herbert Frost	15 30
Robert Candy	38 00
Weldon McKinley	18 70
Donald Douglas	9 00
Clyde Nason	20 82
Carroll Chase	46 60
Frank Meserve Jr.	26 00
George Boewe	31 55
Merton Sargent	26 70
Carroll Thurston	19 60
Robert Stuart Jr.	87 00
Berman McKinley	17 00
Raymond Williams Jr.	11 05
Robert Stuart Sr.	24 70
Scot Cunningham	9 35
Elmer Douglas	53 50
Raymond Davis	23 00
George Ellis	13 00

Robert Turner	22 00	
Roland Golub	10 63	
David Harrison	10 63	
Robert Ervin	10 63	
Bruce Strawbridge	10 63	
James Walker	10 63	
Edward Stokes	6 00	
Stephen Klein	10 63	
William Massick State Forester, Overpayment	26 25	
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		\$2254 27

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### TUFTONBORO FIRE

Edward Stokes	\$23 56	
Frank Meserve Sr.	17 50	
Paul Meserve	14 00	
Gordon Meserve	14 00	
Kenneth Libby	14 00	
Charles Cash	14 56	
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		\$97 62
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		\$2510 54

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### FIRE DEPARTMENT

Dube & Murphy Inc., Oil	\$ 61 14
Public Service Co. of N. H., Lights	24 92
Carroll County Tire Co., Tire & Tube	41 86
Farrar-Brown Co., Fuel Pump	12 34
A. C. Whitaker, Gas & Oil	10 71

Whites Garage, Labor on Truck & Belt	5 70	
Wentworth Insurance Agency, Ins. on Fire Truck & Men	156 00	
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		\$312 67

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### FIRE DEPARTMENT—NEW EQUIPMENT

Farrar-Brown Co., Jack for Truck	\$20 70	
Western Auto Store, 2 Gas Cans	4 98	
Eastern Fire Equip. Inc., Exp.		
Rings for Hose	9 00	
Freedom Precinct, Half Cost to put		
Water in Fire House	64 36	
George Wakefield, Digging Fire Hole	13 50	
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		\$112 54

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### TOWN DUMPS

Lawrence Gaskins, Labor	\$ 10 00	
G. E. Nichols Jr., Labor	14 50	
Frank Watson, Labor	154 00	
Walter Boewe, Labor	19 00	
Robert Stuart Jr., Labor	10 00	
Robert Stuart Jr., Labor	19 00	
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		\$226 50

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### SNOW FENCE

Raymond Davis, Truck & Labor	\$48 40
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Fred Stuart, Labor	23 10	
Frank Davis, Labor	23 10	
Clyde Nason, Labor	8 00	
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		\$102 60

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### WINTER ROADS

Edward Stokes, Plowing	\$431 25	
Raymond Davis, Labor	147 70	
Carroll Chase, Plowing	468 35	
James Pendergast, Labor	5 85	
James Vincent, Labor	8 10	
George Boewe, Labor	66 45	
G. E. Nichols Jr., Labor	20 00	
Frank Davis, Labor	10 00	
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		\$1157 70

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### SANDING

Carroll Chase, Truck & Labor	\$167 60	
James Pendergast, Labor	20 70	
James Vincent, Labor	34 55	
George Allard, Truck & Labor	15 35	
Gordon Doe, Labor	3 15	
Francis Abbott, Labor	3 15	
Berman McKinley, Labor	24 33	
Raymond Davis, Labor	22 50	
George Boewe, Labor	2 70	
Delmor Brooks, Labor	4 35	
Weldon McKinley, Labor	3 60	
Daniel Brooks, Labor & Truck	28 87	

Frank McKinley, Labor	24 75
Charles Perry, Labor	13 95
Lawrence Gaskins, Labor & Truck	8 25

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\$377 80

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### TRACTOR

L. J. Ambrose, Welding on tractor	\$205 05
Eastern Tractor & Equip. Co., Parts	7 03
G. E. Nichols Jr., Parts	5 91
Carroll Chase, Labor	23 50
Berman McKinley, Labor	8 40
G. E. Nichols Jr., Labor	42 75
Warrens Express	1 95
Southworth Machine Co., Parts	589 70
Public Service Co., Lights	3 60
Edward Stokes, Labor	11 25
Carroll County Indep., Adv. sale of old Tractor	3 20
Wentworth Ins Agency, Fire Insur- ance Tractor	15 00

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\$917 34

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Treas. State of N. H. \$527 77

### WEST OSSIPPEE ROAD

G. E. Nichols Jr., Labor	\$ 13 00
Edward Stokes, Labor	26 00
George Allard, Truck & Labor	42 40
Raymond Davis, Truck & Labor	79 80

Frank Davis, Labor	25 00	
Gordon Meserve, Labor	14 60	
Huckins Lumber Co., Shovels & Street Broom	8 78	
Blue Rock Quarry, Cold patch	359 03	
Weldon McKinley, Labor	44 25	
Fred Stuart, Labor	36 85	
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		\$649 71

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SWETTS HILL

Raymond Davis, Labor	\$436 10	
George Allard, Labor	7 35	
Eugene Doe, Labor	3 50	
Edward Stokes, Labor	45 00	
Ossipee Oil Co., Grease	11 10	
A. C. Whitaker, Gas & Oil	57 55	
Murray Machine Co., Grader Parts	3 38	
Frank Davis, Labor	41 95	
Fred Stuart, Labor	110 35	
Weldon McKinley, Labor	100 35	
Merrimack Farmers Exc., 5 bags Calcium	16 75	
Earnest Sargent, Labor	28 80	
H. F. Nelson & Sons, Railing Plank	9 18	
Ray Road Equipment, Half Road Machine Blade	11 92	
M. L. Nelson, Bulldozer	433 00	
New England Metal Culvert Co., Culverts	211 97	
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		\$1528 25

## WATSON HILL

Carroll Chase, Labor	\$ 369 28
James Pendergast, Labor	28 73
Frank Meserve, Labor	28 00
Ossipee Oil Co., Grease & Oil	11 10
A. C. Whitaker, Gas	98 58
Murray Machine Co., Grader Parts	3 39
State of N. H., Grader 1952	18 38
Edward Stokes, Labor	181 00
Donald Douglas, Labor	4 00
Frank Watson, Labor	9 00
G. E. Nichols Jr., Labor	4 50
Walter Boewe, Labor	114 30
Moultons Store, Dynamite	42 68
Ray Road Equip. Co., Part Road	
Machine Blade	11 91
Raymond Davis, Truck & Labor	36 40
Fred Stuart, Labor	8 00
Clyde Nason, Labor	16 00
Maurice L. Nelson, Bulldozing	304 50
Gerald Durgin, Labor	23 35
Arthur Nason, Truck & Labor	8 00
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	\$1321 10

## GRADER

Town of Freedom, Use of Grader	\$1024 00
Carroll County Tire Co., Tires	60 72
F. S. Freuck, Labor	1 50
Murray Machine Co., Parts	74 56
G. E. Nichols Jr., Labor	11 00
Edward Stokes, Labor	4 50
Whites Garage, Parts	3 85
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	\$1180 13



## BRIDGES

Raymond Davis, Stringers Harri-		
man Bridge	\$ 100 00	
H. F. Nelson & Sons, Lumber, Spikes		
& Creosote	41 30	
Carroll Chase, Labor Bennett Bridge	5 50	
Donald Douglas, Labor Bennett		
Bridge	4 00	
Raymond Davis, Labor Harriman		
Bridge	11 30	
Fred Stuart, Labor Harriman		
Bridge	19 32	
Clyde Nason, Labor Harriman		
Bridge	7 32	
Edward Stokes, Labor Harriman		
Bridge	34 50	
Carroll Chase, Labor Harriman		
Bridge	32 45	
Gerald Durgin, Labor Harriman		
Bridge	29 00	
Delmore Brooks, Labor Harriman		
Bridge	21 00	
Walter Boewe, Labor Harrimon		
Bridge	25 00	
G. E. Nichols Jr., Labor Harriman		
Bridge	5 00	
Conway Supply Co., Creosote Har-		
riman Bridge	4 65	
Leroy E. Allen, Plank Harriman		
Bridge	144 00	
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		\$484 34

## BUSHES

Edward Stokes, Tractor & Labor	\$ 34 50	
Carroll Chase, Labor	16 50	
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		\$51 00

## T. R. A. FLOOD SWETTS HILL

Raymond Davis, Truck & Labor	\$951 60
Fred Stuart, Labor	380 73
Eugene Doe, Labor	13 50
Delmore Brooks, Labor	38 95
Edward Stokes, Labor	72 30
Merton Sargent, Labor	2 00
Linville Sargent, Labor	2 00
George Allard, Truck & Labor	80 40
Frank McKinley, Labor	29 00
Weldon McKinley, Labor	49 90
Berman McKinley, Labor	33 75
Alexandre de Zalwiski, Labor	8 00
Kenneth Libby, Labor	41 80
Guy Libby, Labor	21 30
Clyde Nason, Labor	142 13
Charles Perry, Labor	7 00
Frank Davis, Labor	60 35
William Libby, Gravel	15 00
Roland Toppan, Shovel	5 00
James Pendergast, Labor	35 50

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\$1990 21

## T. R A FLOOD WATSON HILL

Carroll Chase, Truck & Labor	\$ 624 00
Frank Meserve Sr., Labor	64 00
Donald Douglas, Labor	184 80
Alexandre de Zalwiski, Labor	98 95
Guy Libby, Labor	62 55
Edward Stokes, Labor & Tractor	292 00
Clyde Nason, Labor	33 30
Walter Boewe, Labor	110 80
G E Nichols Jr., Labor	24 00
Maurice L. Nelson Bulldozing	269 50

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\$1763 90

## COLLECTOR OF INTERNAL REVENUE

Director of Internal Revenue, 4th	
Quarter 1952	\$ 42 59
Director of Internal Revenue, First	
Quarter 1953	84 44
Director of Internal Revenue, 2nd	
Quarter 1953	102 35
Director of Internal Revenue, 3rd	
Quarter 1953	61 77
Director of Internal Revenue, 4th	
Quarter 1953	22 50
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	\$313 65

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BOUNTIES

Edward Stokes, 1 Bear	\$ 5 00
George F. Hannon, 4 Bear	20 00
John Brooks, 10 Hedgehogs	2 50
Orion Brooks, 2 Hedgehog	50
Peter Nichols, 1 Hedgehog	50
Gordon Meserve, 3 Hedgehogs	1 50
Cragged Mt. Farm, 1 Hedgehog	50
Raymond Brooks, 1 Hedgehog	50
A. C. Whitaker, 1 Hedgehog	50
Charles Harrington, 2 Hedgehogs	1 00
Frank Meserve, 1 Hedgehog	50
Weldon McKinley, 1 Hedgehog	50
George W. Brooks, 1 Hedgehog	50
Elmer Douglas, 6 Hedgehogs	3 00
George W. Brooks, 1 Hedgehog	50
Weldon McKinley, 1 Hedgehog	50
Harold Williams, 2 Hedgehogs	1 00
Elmer Douglas, 2 Hedgehogs	1 00
Weldon McKinley, 1 Hedgehog	50

Harold Williams, 3 Hedgehogs	1 50	
Albert Blaisdell, 2 Bear	10 00	
Weldon McKinley, 1 Hedgehog	50	
George W. Brooks, 4 Hedgehogs	2 00	
Raymond Davis, 1 Hedgehog	50	
Walter Boewe, 1 Hedgehog	50	
Edward Stokes, 1 Hedgehog	50	
Charles Harrington, 1 Hedgehog	50	
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		\$56 50

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#### PERAMBULATING EATON-FREEDOM TOWN LINE

Edward J. Stokes, Labor	\$ 19 00	
Kenneth Libby, Labor	27 10	
Alexander de Zaliwski, Labor	22 20	
Robert Allard, Labor	7 20	
Raymond Davis, Labor	14 50	
Town of Eaton, Half Cost of Surveyor	36 00	
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		\$125 00

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#### PINE BLISTER RUST

State of N. H.	\$398 25
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#### HYDRANTS

Treas. Freedom Precinct	\$300 00
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#### STATE HEAD TAX

Estate of Edson H. Cole, Collecting Head Tax 1952	\$ 10 30
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Kenneth Alexander, Collecting		
Head Tax 1952	11	20
Treas. State of N. H., Head Tax		
1952	1098	91
Treas. State of N. H., Head Tax		
1953	978	00
Kenneth Alexander, Collecting		
Head Tax 1953	32	10
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		\$2130 51

## STREET LIGHTS

Public Service Co. of N. H.	\$707 37
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## NEW EQUIPMENT

North East Co., Huber Road		
Maintainer	\$1000	00
Casellini-Venable Corp., Road		
Sander	30	00
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		\$1030 00

## LIBRARY

Anne Richardson, Salary	\$ 62	00
Ruth Boewe, Salary	42	00
Freedom Library, Balance Approp.	100	00
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		\$204 00

## TOWN POOR

Frank R. Allen M. D.	\$ 3	00
Huggins Hospital, Della Brooks	54	58
Gordon Meserve, Tramp to Ossipee	3	00
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		\$60 58

### OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

State of N. H.	\$2220 23
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### OLD HOME WEEK

Old Home Week	\$125 00
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### LAKE REGION

Lake Region	\$73 00
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### TAXES BOUGHT BY TOWN

Kenneth Alexander, Tax Collector	\$297 08
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### INTEREST

Carroll County Trust Co., Short Term Notes	\$65 29
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### TEMPORARY LOANS

Carroll County Trust Co.	\$5000 00
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### COUNTY TAX

Kenneth Berry, Treas.	\$3667 08
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### SCHOOL DISTRICT

Treas. Freedom School District, Balance 1952 Approp.	\$7167 19
Treas. Freedom School District, Part 1953 Approp.	8000 00

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\$15167 19

REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF FREEDOM, N. H., FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1953

Date of Creation	NAME OF FUND	Purpose of Creation	HOW INVESTED	Amount of Principal	Balance Beginning Year	Percent	Amount Income	Expended During Year	Balance During Year
1919	Nancy Skillings	Care Cem. Lot	Rochester Trust Co.	\$100.00	%	2 1/2	2.30	%	0.00
1919	Nancy Burns	Care Cem. Lot	Rochester Trust Co.	200.00	.00	2 1/2	4.62	4.62	.00
1922	Lord and Fowler	Care Cem. Lot	Rochester Trust Co.	200.00	.00	2 1/2	4.62	4.62	.00
1922	Eliza J. Alley	Care Cem. Lot	Rochester Trust Co.	100.00	.00	2 1/2	2.30	2.30	.00
1924	Ina E. Toss	Care Cem. Lot	Rochester Trust Co.	100.00	.00	2 1/2	2.30	2.30	.00
1924	M. C. and Steven Allard	Care Cem. Lot	Rochester Trust Co.	150.00	.00	2 1/2	3.47	3.47	.00
1924	Metcalf and Cushing	Care Cem. Lot	Rochester Trust Co.	100.00	.00	2 1/2	2.30	2.30	.00
1925	A. R. & Lilla Bennett	Care Cem. Lot	Rochester Trust Co.	100.00	.00	2 1/2	2.30	2.30	.00
1927	Edward H. Nason	Care Cem. Lot	Rochester Trust Co.	100.00	.00	2 1/2	2.30	2.30	.00
1928	Jennie Meserve	Care Cem. Lot	Rochester Trust Co.	100.00	.00	2 1/2	2.30	2.30	.00
1928	John W. Smith	Care Cem. Lot	Rochester Trust Co.	100.00	.00	2 1/2	2.30	2.30	.00
1932	James Wood	Care Cem. Lot	Rochester Trust Co.	100.00	.00	2 1/2	2.30	2.30	.00
1937	Joseph D. Corson	Care Cem. Lot	Rochester Trust Co.	50.00	.00	2 1/2	1.15	1.15	.00
1939	Frank P. Corson	Care Cem. Lot	Rochester Trust Co.	100.00	.00	2 1/2	2.30	2.30	.00
1939	Howard E. Moulton	Care Cem. Lot	Rochester Trust Co.	100.00	.00	2 1/2	2.30	2.30	.00
1939	Levina F. Farnsworth	Care Cem. Lot	Rochester Trust Co.	100.00	.00	2 1/2	2.30	2.30	.00
1952	Minnie R. Towle	Care Cem. Lot	Rochester Trust Co.	112.84	.00	2 1/2	2.60	2.60	.00
1940	Ellen Mitchell	Care Cem. Lot	Rochester Trust Co.	100.00	.00	2 1/2	2.30	2.30	.00
1941	Stevens, Sweetser	Care Cem. Lot	Rochester Trust Co.	300.00	.00	2 1/2	6.94	6.94	.00
1943	Marston & Harmon	Care Cem. Lot	Rochester Trust Co.	100.00	.00	2 1/2	2.30	2.30	.00
1943	Jessie Drew	Care Cem. Lot	Rochester Trust Co.	100.00	.00	2 1/2	2.30	2.30	.00
1948	Jessie S. Allard	Care Cem. Lot	Rochester Trust Co.	100.00	.00	2 1/2	2.30	2.30	.00
1953	Oct. 27 — Carrie B. Moses	Care Cem. Lot	Rochester Trust Co.	100.00	.00	2 1/2	2.30	2.30	.00
1957	Parson's Yard	Care of Yard	Wolfeboro Nat. Bank	700.00	.00	2 1/2	17.00	17.00	.00
1957	George W. Chase	Care Cem. Lot	Wolfeboro Nat. Bank	100.00	.00	2 1/2	2.43	2.43	.00
1957	Huldah J. Downing	Care Cem. Lot	Wolfeboro Nat. Bank	200.00	.00	2 1/2	4.85	4.85	.00
1958	Godfrey Fund	Care Cem. Lot	Wolfeboro Nat. Bank	100.00	.00	2 1/2	2.43	2.43	.00
1958	Belinda C. Wood	Library	U. S. Gov. Bond	1000.00	.00	2 1/2	25.00	25.00	.00
1952	John J. Giles	Care of Lot	Wolfeboro Nat. Bank	100.00	.00	2 1/2	2.43	2.43	.00
1927	F. W. Towle	Care of Lot	Carroll Co. Trust Co.	500.00	6.98	2	10.05	10.05	6.98
				\$5212.84	\$6.98		\$122.09	\$122.09	\$6.98

This is to certify that the information contained in this report is complete and correct, to the best of our knowledge and belief.  
 Jan. 22  
 DANIEL A. BROOKS, FRANK E. WATSON, GEORGE W. ALLARD, Trustees

**LIBRARY REPORT****RECEIPTS**

Cash on hand Jan 1, 1953	\$ 68 73	
Wood Fund, Feb. and Aug.	25 00	
Town — 12-26-53	100 00	
Gift	10 00	
Fines	8 15	
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		\$211 88

**EXPENDITURES**

Cleaning Library	\$ 2 00	
Printing "Rules"	5 10	
Cosy Corner Shop, 1 book	2 75	
Oxford Book Co.	69	
Personal Book Shop	52 82	
Dollar Mystery Guild	32 11	
Supplies	2 30	
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		\$97 77
Cash on hand		114 11
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		\$211 88

HELEN R. GASKINS, Chairman  
MABEL DAVIS  
ELSIE WHITAKER



## AUDITOR'S REPORT

I hereby certify that I have examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Town Trustees of the Trust Funds, Town Treasurer, Town Clerk, Tax Collector, Library Trustees and Treasurer of the School District, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched as noted, for the fiscal year of 1953.

ALEXANDRE de ZALIWSKI

Auditor

January 25th 1954

## REPORT OF FOREST FIRE WARDENS

The fire season of 1953 was not a very pretty picture. It started out in fine shape with plenty of rain during the spring months. The month of June was the end of the rains and then a period of dry weather. During June we had quite a few lightning storms without any rains. On June 21 and 22 we had one of these storms that started over 43 fires in this state including the Mt. Shaw fire.

People burning without a permit or burning in unsafe places or at unsafe times were the cause of our largest number of fires. It is hard to believe why people do this when they have the expert advice of their town warden who is as close to them as their telephone. Your town Forest Fire Warden is not going to stop you from burning your rubbish or your old fields, but he wants you to burn in a safe place and at a safe time. You must remember it is unlawful to burn without a permit from your Forest Fire Warden.

We have inherited a tremendous responsibility in the priceless treasure of our natural resources. To keep these natural riches we must guard them from all destructive agents. The foremost among these agents is Fire — man's best servant but worst enemy.

**REMEMBER — ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT  
FOREST FIRES!**

No. of Fires 2	No. of Acres Burned 1½
No. of Permits issued 34	

Forest Fire Warden  
**EDWARD STOKES**

District Chief  
**ROBERT B. SMITH**

## ANNUAL REPORT OF SCHOOL NURSE

The Orthopedic Clinic for postural defects (including flat feet) was held in April and October at Center Ossipee. Several Freedom children attended.

There was an immunization clinic in the spring that our children under eight years needing booster shots were allowed to attend.

The usual spring and fall heights and weights were recorded on the individual health records. Also, the routine vision check was made. Notices were sent home by those with defects suggesting a re-check be made with the family eye doctor.

The Maico machine was used to check the hearing in the spring. Since other nurses use the same machine for their schools we must wait for our turn; thus the hearing has not been checked for the present school year.

At the beginning of the year the physical examinations for 1952 - 53 were completed by Dr. Allen of Wolfeboro. For the current year the physicals have also been finished. The dental problem seems to continue to top the list of physical defects found among our school children.

Respectfully submitted,  
AMY L. BROWN, R. N.

## REPORT OF SCHOOL BOARD

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### School Board

Mildred Brooks	term expires 1954
Elizabeth Nichols	term expires 1955
Robert Stuart	term expires 1956

### Organization

Mildred Brooks, Chairman of School Board

Elizabeth Nichols, Secretary of School Board

Wm. Robert Candy, Moderator of District

Pauline W. Godfrey, District Clerk

Albert Whitaker, District Treasurer

Alexandre de Zaliwski, Auditor

Amy Brown, School Nurse

Everett H. Brasier, Superintendent of Schools

### Teaching Staff

Mrs. Ethel Ramsdell

Mr. Edmund Weston

# FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE FREEDOM SCHOOL DISTRICT

For the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 1952  
and Ending June 30, 1953

## RECEIPTS

### Local Taxation:

Current Appropriation	\$16100 00
Other Sources	20 00
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Total receipts from all sources	\$16120 00
Cash on hand (School Account & Special Accounts) at beginning of year, July 1, 1952	665 84
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Grand Total	\$16785 84
Due from Town, June 30, 1953	2067 19

## PAYMENTS

	Total	High	Elem.
	Amount	School	School
Administration			
Salaries of district officers	\$ 220 00	\$ 42 46	\$ 177 54
Supt's. salary (local share)	327 36	63 18	264 18
Tax for state wide supervision	116 00	22 39	93 61
Salaries of other adm. personnel	10 00	1 93	8 07
Supplies and expenses	294 23	56 79	237 44
Instruction			
Teachers' salaries	4478 60		4478 60
Books & other inst. aids	90 40		90 40
Scholars' supplies	174 06		174 06
Supplies & other expenses	32 99		32 99
Operation of School Plant			
Salaries of janitors	407 10		407 10
Fuel or Heat	481 34		481 34
Water, light, supplies & expenses	204 41		204 41
Maintenance of School Plant			
Repairs and Replacements	362 56		362 56

Auxiliary Activities			
Health supervision	305 45		305 45
Transportation	3931 00	1000 00	2931 00
Tuition	2347 24	2347 24	
Fixed Charges			
Retirement	182 42		182 42
Insur. treas. bonds & expenses	102 28		102 28
Total Net Current Expenses	\$14067 44	\$3533 99	\$10533 45
Capital Outlay			
Additions & Improvements			
to Bldgs.	601 00		601 00
New Equipment	2004 90		2004 90
Total Payments for all purposes	\$16673 34	\$3533 99	\$13139 35
Total cash on hand at end of year (June 30, 1953) (School Account and Spec. Accounts)	112 50		
GRAND TOTAL	\$16785 84		

**SCHOOL BOARD'S ESTIMATE FOR 1954 - 55**

School Board's statement of amounts required to support public schools and meet other statutory obligations of the district for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1954.

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**DETAILED STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED  
EXPENDITURES**

Salaries of district officers	\$ 220 00
Supt's. salary (local share)	264 10
Tax for state wide supervision	112 00
Salaries of other administrative personnel	10 00
Supplies and expenses	403 62
Elementary teachers' salaries	5800 00
Books and other instructional aids	150 00
Scholars' supplies	150 00
Supplies and other expenses	50 00
Salaries of janitors	400 00
Fuel or heat	500 00
Water, light, supplies & expenses	150 00
Repairs and replacements	200 00
Health supervision	365 00
Transportation — high school	1200 00
Transportation — elementary	2000 00
Tuition — high	4560 00
Special Activities and special funds	50 00
Teachers' Retirement	228 42
Insur. treas. bonds & expenses	102 28
Contingency Fund	400 00
Total Amount Required to	<hr/>
Meet School Board's Budget	\$17315 42

## ESTIMATED INCOME OF DISTRICT

Balance (estimated)	\$ 300 00
District Assessment	17015 42
Total Appropriations to be voted by	<hr/>
School District	\$17315 42
Special Appropriation	
Dental Clinic	\$100 00



## REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Board and Citizens of Freedom:

During the school year 1952 - 53 the teachers in the Freedom School were Mrs. Ethel Ramsdell, grades 1 to 4; and Mr. Robert Kenney, grades 5 to 8. In September of the current year Mrs. Ramsdell continued with the primary group and Mr. Edmund Weston replaced Mr. Kenney in the upper grades. Mr. Weston is a graduate of Keene Teachers' College. We are fortunate to have such competent teachers.

During the last year there was an enrollment of 44 pupils with an average membership of 40. Twelve pupils were enrolled in high school. The elementary school this year has about the same number. The high school enrollment has increased, with 15 at Kennett High School, one at Brewster Academy, and one at Fryeburg Academy, making a total of 17 pupils. This number should remain practically constant for the next two or three years.

Tuition cost at Kennett High School currently is \$270.00 and will be \$285.00 next year.

During the past summer the exterior of the school building was painted, making a marked improvement in the appearance of the building. The automatic heating system installed last year makes the building much more comfortable and healthful. A project that should be considered for the future is the installation of flush toilets.

Mrs. Amy Brown, R. N., continued her efficient service as School Nurse. In addition to regular school visits and home visits she has arranged several clinics.

Among these was the clinic for the fluorine treatment of the pupils' teeth, a service provided by the state Department of Health.

The Activity Program now under way and directed by Mr. Weston will make a very valuable addition to the educational experiences provided for Freedom boys and girls. Several parents are co-operating to make this possible, and their contributions of material, time and labor are much appreciated. This kind of program contributes not only to physical development but provides one of the best means of teaching good citizenship. This is a highly commendable project.

The active cooperation of the School Board, teachers, pupils, parents and citizens is gratefully acknowledged.

Respectfully submitted,  
EVERETT H. BRASIER

February 3, 1954

Superintendent of Schools

## STATISTICAL REPORT

Number of weeks of school year	38
Number of half-days in session	360
Total Number of different pupils registered	
Boys — 24      Girls — 20	44
Average membership	40.13
Per cent of attendance	95.2
Average number of tardiness	.05
Number of pupils transported at district expense	26
Number of visits to school by:	
School Board members	9
Citizens	60
Superintendent	69
Number of School Board meetings held	8
The following pupils maintained perfect attendance:	
Marion Brooks	
Bruce Brooks	
Adrian Thompson	

## ANNUAL REPORT OF SUPERVISORY UNION

## No. 36

July 1, 1952 Balance on Hand	\$ 336 72
Income (total)	6090 00
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Total	\$6426 72
EXPENSE	
Expenses of Supervisory	
Union office	\$ 688 17
Secretary's salary	859 60
Educational Aids	322 17
*Superintendent's salary	3400 00
Superintendent's travel expense	1000 00
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Balance on Hand, June 30, 1953	\$156 78
*State's additional share of Superintendent's salary	2275 00

# BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF FREEDOM, N. H., FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1953

Date of Birth	Name of Child	No. of Child	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother
Feb. 11	Linda Irene Libby	5	William T. Libby	Frances L. Woodman	Maine	N. H.
May 11	Cheryl Ann Cash	1	Charles M. Cash	Jacqueline R. St. Clair	Maine	N. H.
Nov. 24	Sue Ann Weston	2	Edmund F. Weston	Myra J. Leighton	N. H.	Maine
Dec. 28	Paula Rea Candy	4	William R. Candy	Edna H. Long	Mass.	Mass.

## MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF FREEDOM, N. H., FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1953

Date of Marriage	Place of Marriage	Name & Surname of Groom & Bride	Age of Groom & Bride	Occupation of Groom & Bride	Residence at time of Marriage	Name & Residence of person by whom married
Aug. 11	Ctr Ossipee	Paul G. Buswell Mary L. Robinson	23 18	Laborer Telephone Oper	Freedom No. Conway	Rev. Clifford W. Laws Ctr. Ossipee, N. H.
Aug. 21	Freedom	Francis N. Abbott Florence M. Jones	22 19	Laborer Factory worker	Freedom Porter, Me.	Rev. Clifford W. Laws Ctr. Ossipee, N. H.
Aug. 21	Ctr. Ossipee	Lawrence C. Libby Elizabeth P. Abbott	37 19	Farmer At Home	Freedom Freedom	Rev. Clifford W. Laws Ctr. Ossipee, N. H.
Oct. 10	Freedom	Kenneth M. Thurston, Jr. Margie B. Nason	29 30	Truck driver At Home	Freedom Freedom	Rev. Clifford W. Laws Ctr. Ossipee, N. H.
Oct. 12	Alton	Nathaniel D. Lomas Barbara A. Loomis	23 20	Student At Home	Freedom Wolfeboro	Rev. W. Douglas Swaffield Alton, N. H.

**DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF FREEDOM, N. H., FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1953**

Date of Death	Place of Death	Name & Surname of Deceased	Age	Place of Birth	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
Jan. 11	Wolfeboro	Isabelle C D Richardson	77	Portland, Me.	Alphonzo J. Davis	Myra A. Cronwell
Jan. 14	Freedom	Grace L. Enack	70	Parsonsfield, Me.	Hiram Hussey	Clara A. West
Apr. 14	Wolfeboro	Alfred E. Weeks	83	East Boston, Mass.	Wm. Brooks	Mary Snow
June 1	Freedom	George W. Cash	49	Windham, Maine	John M. Cash	Abigale E. —
June 30	Freedom	Carl S. Page	45	Boston, Mass.	Carl S. Page	Morrie C. Perkins
July 30	Wakefield	Georgia C. Eldon	84	Dorchester, Mass.	Augustus Calley	Ann Towle
Sept. 1	Freedom	Theona E. Davis	87	Bristol, Conn.	Don C. Peck	Frances L. Marshall
Sept. 28	Waterbury, Conn.	Pertha E. Davis	77	Freedom, N. H.	Joseph Godfrey	Wealthy Brooks
Oct. 18	Waterbury	Clarence D. Godfrey	73	Freedom, N. H.	Fred L. Godfrey	Edith Smith
Nov. 4	Freedom	Pearl W. Cole	73	Edinburgh, N. H.	James Smith	Jennie Merrifield
Dec. 8	Wolfeboro	Dorothy E. Manley	46	Freedom, N. H.	Edward L. Huckins	Mary E. Harmon













